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Fountain Mills Methodist Church  
Monrovia vicinity  
Private

1915

The Fountain Mills Methodist Church was built in 1915 as one of the four churches in the Centerville Charge which also included Ebenezer, Hope Hill, and Bell's Chapel, all rural African-American churches. The building is basically the same rectangular frame building as other rural churches of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It has a single doorway with no other openings on the south elevation, but its exterior staircase has been removed. The side elevations have three bays with 2/2 sash. The roof is corrugated metal and the exterior is covered with german siding. The congregation used the building until the late 1960's when it merged with Ebenezer Methodist at Centerville. Since 1973, the former church has been a storage building for a nearby residence. Associated with the church is a small cemetery with about 6 graves, the headstones of which are in deteriorated condition and often dislocated.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Religion

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:

Religion/religious facility/church

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes ☒ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Fountain Mills Methodist Church

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number South of 3827 Green Valley Road not for publicationcity, town Monrovia ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<u>  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert C. &amp; Jane Ellen Ladner

street &amp; number 3827 Green Valley Road telephone no.:

city, town Ijamsville state and zip code MD 21754

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1216

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 942

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date    federal    state    county    local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-7-39

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Fountain Mills Methodist Church is a one-story frame building erected in 1915 on the east side of Green Valley Road about 100 yards north of the intersection of Fahrney Branch and Lawson Road, the center of the former milling village of Fountain Mills, near Monrovia, Frederick County, Maryland. The church is currently a storage building and is located on an elevated site overlooking Green Valley Road, visible from the thoroughfare. Three residential structures historically unrelated to the church are located north and south of the building and access is by a private driveway and a private lane just north and east of the residence at 3831 Green Valley Road. The principal entrance is on the south elevation of the church, but the access staircase has been removed. A small cemetery of about 6 graves is located southeast of the church. The date of the building was obtained via land records.

The Fountain Mills Church has a foundation exposed on the west elevation which is faced with brick and concrete, concealing its original material. The upper structure is covered with german siding and the gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. The south elevation has a single 5-panel door in the center of the elevation with no other openings. The east and west elevations each have three bays with 2/2 windows. An interior brick chimney rises above the roof on the east elevation. On the exposed west elevation basement level are two door openings, each with a paneled door, and two window openings with repaired sash. The general state of neglect and deterioration of the building is most severe in these openings. The exterior siding is painted white, but is weathering. The interior was inaccessible. The cemetery is generally overgrown and some headstones have been toppled. Some of the graves apparently have no markers, but the visible dates of burial are about 1922 to the 1960's.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1915

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Fountain Mills Methodist Church is minimally significant in both architecture and religion, being a typical functionally designed vernacular building in form and materials and a representative of the small rural churches erected for the Methodist Church charges and other denominations in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Fountain Mills Church was one of the four churches in the Centerville Charge of the Methodist Episcopal Conference, which also included Ebenezer, Hope Hill, and Bell's Chapel, all African-American congregations. The Fountain Mills church may have been built during a period when a cannery operated along Fahrney Branch, the last in a series of rural industries along the creek which ran with a grist mill in the early 19th century. Members of the congregation may have been employees of the cannery as well as farm laborers in the vicinity. By the late 1960's, the congregation merged with Ebenezer Methodist at Centerville and the building was sold in 1973. Since that date, it has been a storage building for an adjoining property owner.

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Lyles, Mrs. Mary, telephone interview, Oct. 30, 1993

Acres of nominated property 1.5 acres  
 Quadrangle name Urbana, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

**UTM References** do NOT complete UTM references

### Verbal boundary description and justification

**Verbal boundary description and justification:**  
Approximately 1 acre on Tax Map 97, Parcel 95, including both the former church and the cemetery.

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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<b>name/title</b>	Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor
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organization	Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept.	date	October 1993
street & number	12 E. Church Street	telephone	696-2958
city or town	Frederick	state	MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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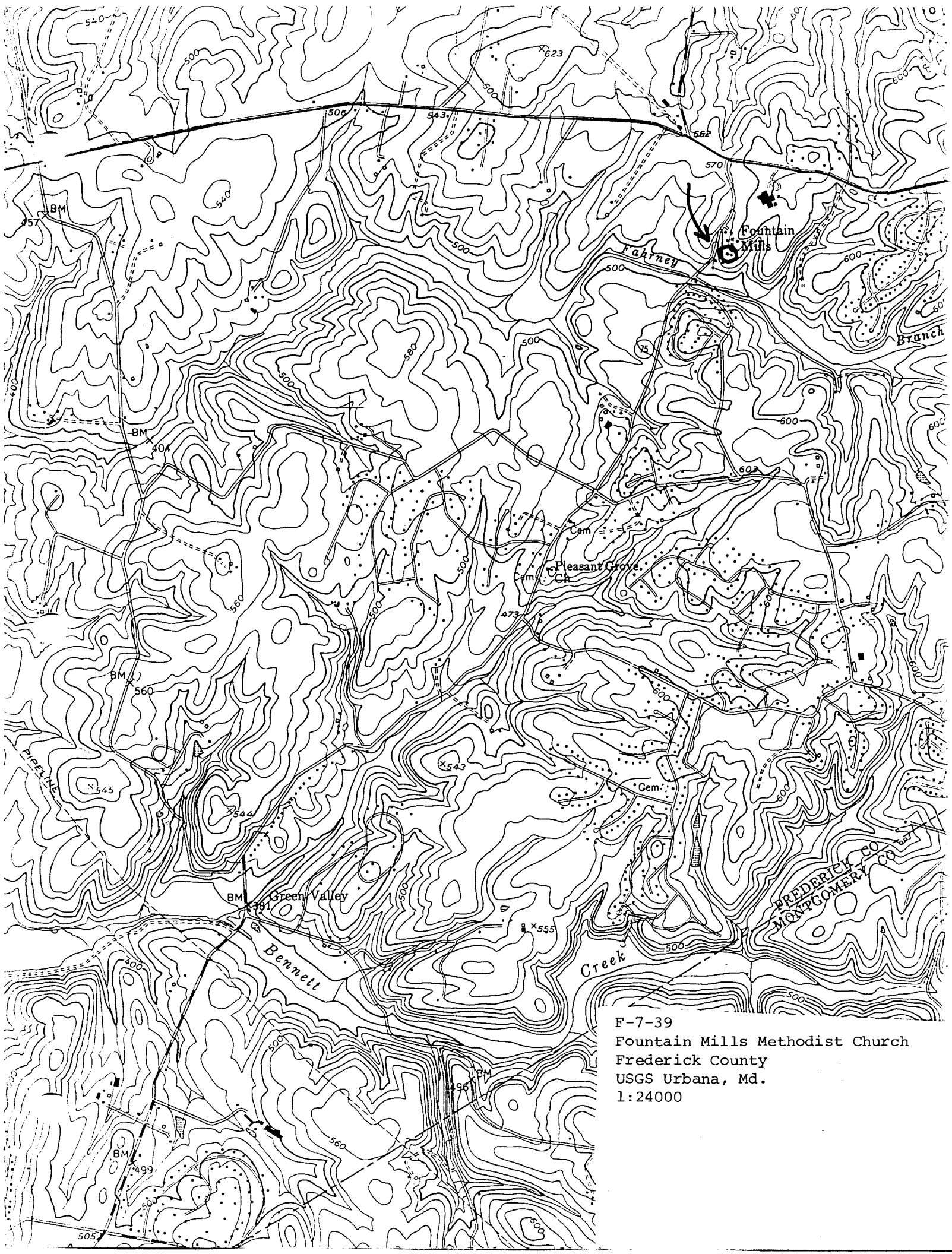
Cost

## Miscellaneous

See also 714/470;  
plot showing  
church on lot and  
vicinity of graves

1. 1279A.	property not to be used for church or religious purposes; 6	graves to remain undisturbed
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4700 sq yds.  
and a 15 ft.  
roadway



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USGS Urbana, Md.  
1:24000









